Entry of infiltrators into U.P.

14 SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Navbharat Times of January 12, last to the effect that infiltrators in large numbers have stealthily sneaked into the Terai areas of Rampur, Nainital, Pilibhit and Lakhimpur in U.P. and that many of them have enlisted even as voters with the help of local politicians and further more, they are even involved in flesh-trading and illicit-arms; and

(b) what are the details thereof and the exact number of such infiltrators in each tehsil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Illegal immigrants from Pakistan

15. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of Pakistani illegal immigrants and infiltrators and also persons overstaying beyond the time limit of their visas separately in Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, U.P., Madhya Pradesh and other States and Union Territories;

(b) how many out of them in each State and Union Territory have been able to become voters and ration-card holders; and

(c) whether many of them have been found to be involved in spying, supply of illegal arms and narcotics and also in instigating violence; if so, what is the estimated number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Attempts at infiltration continue to be made from across our international border with Pakistan. B.S.F. is deployed for checking infiltrators on the Western border. However, the possibility of some Pakistani infiltrators escaping the net of BSF and migrating to the interior of the country cannot be ruled out. Although constant vigil is kept for their detection obviously their number at any given point of time cannot be known. Persons who come on valid travel documents do sometimes over stay with or without the approval of the authorities. Those who over stay without approval are dealt with in accordance with the law. A statement giving the State-wise figures of such Pakistani Nationals is attached. (*See below*).

(b) No person who is not a citizen of India can become a voter or be issusd a Ration Card. As and when such persons are detected, their names are deleted from the voter's list and the Ration Cards are also cancelled.

(c) Persons engaged in illegal activities are dealt with in accordance with the provisions of law.